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Communications Corner



"SINCE YOU ASKED..."

Third Thursday of Every Month in The Miami Herald Beach Neighbors or e-mail your questions to: 305-673-2023 or jcalderon@herald.com

Tune-in to Cable Channel 20 for Commission meetings & the City's E-News.

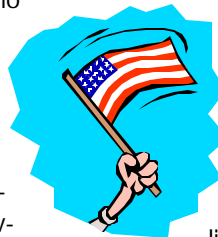


Learn what's happening in the City by visiting the City's Website at www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us

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City Shares in the Nation's Sorrow and Celebrates Its Freedoms

The City of Miami Beach joins the nation in paying their respects to those who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attacks. The deepest sympathies go out to all of those affected by this terrible tragedy and a debt of gratitude is expressed to all who are bravely and unselfishly assisting in the rescue mission and serving to protect this country.



Street beach, and others like it have been held throughout the City over the last few weeks.

How You Can Help

The Miami Beach Fire Department will be accepting donations to assist the families of the New York firefighters who bravely gave their lives. Donations, in the form of checks made out to the "Firefighter Charities," will go fully to the families affected and can be dropped off at any of the City's four fire stations.

Although blood bank donations were at an all-time high following the tragedy, supplies will have to be replenished in the upcoming weeks. Community blood drives will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 5 at the North Beach Police Substation, October 23 at City Hall, and October 24 at the Miami Beach Police Department.

The American Red Cross is always looking for volunteers. Contact them at 305-644-1200 for more information.

To ensure the well-being of all who visit, reside and work in this wonderful community, the City is taking all necessary public safety precautions and is working closely with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center to monitor any possible concerns.

Miami Beach citizens and employees continue to commemorate the lives of those taken as well as rejoice in the endurance of the American spirit by displaying their patriotism, pride and unity during this time of war. Hundreds joined Mayor Neisen Kasdin and City Commissioners on Sunday, September 23 at a candlelight vigil held on the 46th

Bayshore Golf Course Closes For Renovations



Bayshore Golf Course, located on Alton Road between Michigan and Chase avenues, will close on Monday, October 1, 2001 to begin a series of major renovations. Golfers are encouraged to tee-off at one of the City's two other facilities, Normandy Shores Golf Course and Par 3, during the construction period.

Renovations to the 118-acre golf course include a complete renovation/ reconstruction of the tees, greens, fairways, cart paths, bunkers, irrigation, landscaping and lake treatments. Additionally, a horizontal well system including a lined lake will be installed to collect water to be used for irrigation. A beautiful new clubhouse and golf course maintenance facility will also be built. It is anticipated that Bayshore will re-open for the

winter 2002 season. The improvements will be valued at an estimated \$9.5 - \$10 million.

Also effective October 1, 2001, Normandy Shores Golf Course and Par 3 Golf Course will have the new management team of Professional Course Management, under the direction of its president, Johnny LaPonzina. LaPonzina is committed to upgrading and improving Normandy Shores Golf Course in the upcoming months. Special discounted rates will be available for Miami Beach residents and other discounts for South Florida residents.

Normandy Shores Golf Course is located at 2401 Biarritz Drive, Miami Beach. For information on tee times and other information, call 305-868-6502.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CiviCall
(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

Neighborhood Services
305-673-7077

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste
Pick-Up Appointment**
305-638-3800

**Water &
Sewer**
305-673-7625



City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."

Mayor Neisen O. Kasdin • Commissioners: Matti Herrera Bower, Simon Cruz, David Dermer, Luis R. Garcia, Jr., Nancy Liebman, Jose Smith
City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez • City Attorney Murray H. Dubbin • City Clerk Robert Parcher



Judy Hoanshelt, grants manager, and Alexander Diaz

AT YOUR SERVICE!

The City's grants functions have been consolidated into one central process to form the **Grants Management Office**. The mission of the Office is to maximize City funds by actively seeking funding opportunities for which the City is eligible. The goals and objectives of the Grants Management Office are as follows:

Leverage city funds with private, county, state and federal opportunities to fulfill the community's expectations with regards to City programming and projects.

Centralize the grant writing process to ensure effective coordination of the grant funding process, while providing professional and technical resources to City departments as needed when preparing a grant proposal. Additionally, the Office will provide grants writing and/or technical assistance to departments, as needed and identify and garner federal, state, regional, city sources and private foundation sources of support to augment General Fund operating expenditures.

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KNOW THE CODES



Lawn Maintenance (Section 58-298-301)

Every owner of a vacant lot, structure or building must keep the building and premises he occupies and controls, including yards, lawns, courts and driveways in a clean and sanitary condition. Exterior premises must be kept free from the excessive growth of weeds, grass and other flora. Failure to maintain the property will result in declaring the property a nuisance, whereby fines and liens will be imposed.

Fire Department's Heart Safe Community Project Saves Lives

The Miami Beach Fire Department has formed a task force with Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Heart Institute, the American Heart Association and Medtronic-Physio Control to make Miami Beach a "Heart Safe" community. The Task Force is working to make sure that all emergency first responders - fire and police -- have defibrillators.

Approximately 220,000 people die each year from sudden cardiac arrest. Rapid defibrillation -- giving the heart an electrical shock --

can restore normal beating, but only if it is done within minutes of cardiac arrest.

Several automatic defibrillators have been donated to the City since this project was initiated, but their goal is to have 375 throughout the city. They continue to seek donations and grants to purchase more.

For more information, contact the Miami Beach Fire Department at 305-673-7130.

New Police Chief Appointed



After an extensive internal review and assessment process, Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez named Assistant Chief Donald De Lucca to be the next Chief of Police replacing retiring Chief Richard Barreto, effective October 1.

City Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with the Arts

On display throughout the month: Modern Puerto Rican art exhibition in the Office of Arts, Culture and Entertainment, 555 17th Street, and an exhibit of hispanic culture at the Botanical Gardens & City Hall.



Enjoy a **free** celebration of the arts every 2nd Thursday of the month
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Call 305-673-7500 or 2ndthursdays.com

Presented by the City of Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council and the Miami Beach ArtsTrust. Sponsored by the City of Miami Beach and its cultural institutions.

QUICK BITES...

Farewell Luncheon Honoring of Mayor Neisen Kasdin

Thursday, October 18 at 12:00 p.m. at the Eden Roc Renaissance Resort and Spa, \$30.00, RSVP to Michael Aller, chief of protocol, 305-673-7000, extension 6968.

Second Annual Stone Crab SeaFest

October 20 & 21,
73rd Street & Ocean Terrace,
11:00 a.m. to sunset
Food, entertainment, exhibitions, and children's activities

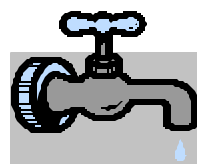
Zachary Lee Memorial Tennis Event

to benefit the
National Childhood Cancer Foundation
Sunday, November 4
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Flamingo Park,
For more information, call 305-866-6788



Parking Debit Cards The Easiest Way to Park

Call 305-673-7505 or 305-673-PARK (7275)



Phase II of Mandatory Water Restrictions

For information on the restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.

Election 2001

Exercise Your Constitutional Right

Vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2001

The City will be mailing a voter's guide to all registered voters during the month of October. For more information on Election 2001, log on to www.ci.miami-beach.fl.us, click on Election 2001, or call the City Clerk's Office at 305-673-7411.

Miami Beach Hurricane Preparation brochures are available in English and Spanish. Call 305-673-7130 to request yours.